U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of CAROL WHITAKER <u>and DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u>, SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE, Syracuse, N.Y.

Docket No. 96-2088; Submitted on the Record; Issued July 17, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant sustained an emotional condition in the performance of duty, as alleged.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the May 2, 1996 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is in accordance with the fact and law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated May 2, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. July 17, 1998

> Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member